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1. A digital printer for producing hardcopy prints, the printer comprising:
  - a) a marking apparatus adapted to provide images on a print;
  - b) a digital medium interface for transferring images from a digital storage medium which stores a plurality of digital images;
  - c) a network connection for communicating with a network;
  - d) a graphical user interface having user controls, said graphical user interface being adapted to select a digital image stored on the digital storage medium and selectively communicate with both the marking apparatus for local printing of the selected image and the network for remote printing of the selected image.
2. A printer according to claim 1, further comprising a color image display for viewing the transferred images.
3. A printer according to claim 1, wherein said marking apparatus is a color marking apparatus adapted to print the selected image to be printed on a hardcopy print.
4. A printer according to claim 3, further comprising a processor which receives the transferred images from the digital medium interface, said processor being adapted to control the color marking apparatus, the digital medium interface and the graphical user interface.
5. A printer according to claim 1, wherein said digital medium interface is a removable memory card interface.
6. A printer according to claim 1, wherein said digital medium interface is a compact disk reader.

7. A printer according to claim 4, further comprising a camera interface adapted to transfer captured images from an electronic camera to the processor.

8. A printer according to claim 1, wherein the user controls comprise menu buttons for selecting images to be uploaded to the network.

9. A printer according to claim 1, wherein the user controls enable a selection of a preferred photo product from a plurality of photo products.

10. A printer according to claim 9, further comprising a color image display, wherein the plurality of photo product options are displayed on the color image display.

11. A printer according to claim 1, wherein the network connection is adapted to download images from the network for storage prior to local printing, the downloaded images being recalled for use during printing.

12. A printer according to claim 2, wherein the user controls enable the selected image to be cropped prior to printing.

13. A printer according to claim 12, wherein the cropped image is displayed on the color image display prior to printing.

14. A printer according to claim 13, wherein the images stored on the digital storage medium include thumbnail images, and the display of the cropped image display is provided by cropping the thumbnail image.

15. A printer according to claim 2, wherein the user controls enable the selected image to be rotated prior to printing.

16. A printer according to claim 15, wherein the rotated image is displayed on the color image display prior to printing.

17. A printer according to claim 16, wherein the images stored on the digital storage medium include thumbnail images, and the rotated image display is provided by rotating the thumbnail image.

18. A printer according to claim 16, wherein a rotation setting selected for a particular image is stored in a digital memory in the printer prior to printing, and recalled for use during printing.

19. A printer according to claim 1, wherein the user controls enable the selected image to be combined with a frame image prior to printing to form a combined image.

20. A printer according to claim 19, wherein the combined image is displayed on a color image display of the printer prior to printing.

21. A printer according to claim 20, wherein the frame selected for the particular image is stored in a digital memory in the printer prior to printing, and recalled for use during printing.

22. A printer according to claim 1, wherein the user controls enable the specific image to be overlayed with a text message prior to printing.

23. A printer according to claim 22, wherein the overlayed image is displayed on the color image display of the printer prior to printing.

24. A printer according to claim 22, wherein the text message selected for a particular image is stored in a digital memory in the printer prior to printing, and recalled for use during printing.

25. A printer according to claim 1, wherein the user controls enable a brightness of the specific image to be modified.
26. A printer according to claim 25, wherein the brightness modified image is displayed on a color image display of the printer prior to printing.
27. A printer according to claim 26, wherein a brightness setting selected for a particular image is stored in a digital memory in the printer prior to printing, and recalled for use during printing.
28. A printer according to claim 1, wherein the color marking apparatus includes a removable ink jet head.
29. A printer according to claim 28, wherein the graphical user interface includes a graphical image depicting the amount of ink remaining in the ink jet head.
30. A printer according to claim 1, wherein said network provides a communication with a fulfillment center which is adapted to provide a photo product that includes the selected image.
31. A printer according to claim 1, wherein said network provides a communication with a fulfillment center which is adapted to provide photofinishing services to said selected image.
32. An imaging apparatus adapted to produce hardcopy prints, the apparatus comprising:
- an interface arrangement adapted to transfer images stored on a digital storage media, the transferred images being viewable on a display screen of the imaging apparatus;

a communication arrangement for transferring images to a network; and

user controls adapted to select local or remote network printing of the images stored on the digital storage media.

33. An apparatus according to claim 32, wherein said user controls include a control button for selecting an image of said stored images to be printed on a remote hardcopy printer connected to a network, while viewing the stored images on the display screen of the printer.

34. A method of producing prints, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) electronically capturing images by way of an electronic camera;
- b) transferring the captured images to a printer;
- c) displaying the captured images on a display screen on the printer;
- d) selecting a specific image to be printed from the captured images; and
- e) uploading the selected image to a network for remote printing.

35. A method according to claim 34, wherein said step of transferring the captured images to the printer comprises storing the captured images on a digital storage medium, and inserting the digital storage medium into an interface on said printer.

36. A method of producing prints, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) capturing images by way of an image capture mechanism;
- b) converting the images to digital images;
- c) transferring the digital images to a printer;

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f) transferring the selected image via a network to a for remote printing.

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